



Three of the four games Tuesday were nail-biters.

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### Redistricting top concern for local legislators

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Nelson County residents could lose state Rep. David Floyd and gain him as a senator if during the General Assembly's 60-day session certain proposals for redistricting are agreed upon. Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, State Sen. Jimmy Higdon's 14th District will change. Higdon and Floyd shared topics during "Coffee with

the Legislators"
Wednesday at the
Bardstown Welcome
Center that will affect
Nelson County.

Every 10 years the state Constitution requires redistricting of Kentucky House Representatives and the state Senate's boundaries based on population. Higdon's 14th district includes Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Washington and Taylor counties. Higdon said he knows he will lose a county. He hopes to have Nelson, Washington, Marion, Taylor and LaRue



State House Rep. David Floyd (R) and State Sen. Jimmy Higdon (R) answer questions in Bardstown Wednesday.

The preview given by Higdon included proposed redistricting lines that would include Nelson County into the Fourth U.S. Congressional District.

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### BARDSTOWN CITY COUNCIL

## Council recognizes retiring officials

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Local retirements were the biggest news on the agenda at Tuesday's meeting of Bardstown City Council.

After working for the city for 23 years, Mike Burba has retired as superintendent of public works, Mayor Bill Sheckles announced. Taking his place is Ben Burd, who started with the city about a year ago. The superintendent is responsible for general maintenance of city facilities and services, taking charge of everything from clearing off the streets to handling water main breaks, Sheckles said.

Faye Keeling has retired as director of the Bardstown Housing Authority after more than 20 years, Sheckles reported. Jackie Mudd, former assistant director, has been appointed the new director.

Sheckles appoints members to the organization's board of directors and is a member himself, but the Housing Authority operates under the direction of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Assistant City Administrator Larry Green.

Another possible retirement — Pen Bogert, preservation administrator at the Bardstown Historical Review Board, may retire in May,

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### Face of Animal Abuse



JAMES CALVERT/The Kentucky Standard

A person who claimed not to be its owner found an injured pit bull near Pottershop Road and dropped off the animal at the Nelson County Animal Shelter last week. The pit bull has bites in areas of its body that are indicative of dog fighting. Some of the bites appear new and others are older and scarred. The dog struggles to stand up and its left eye is swollen and it will be treated with antibiotics while kept in quarantine for 10 days. More than likely it will be humanely euthanized, according to Laura Higgason, who is a dog trainer, Humane Society Education Coordinator and euthanasia technician at the Humane Society of Nelson County.

### Signs of cockfighting, dogfighting spotted in Nelson County

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A pit bull with scars on its face, chest and legs was dropped off at the Nelson County Animal Shelter Jan. 5. A person who claimed not to be its owner found the injured dog near Pottershop Road. There is probably no way of knowing who owned the dog, according to Laura Higgason, who is a dog trainer, veterinary technician, humane education coordinator and euthanasia technician at the Humane Society of Nelson County, a private, non-profit organization with a mission statement "to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals."

The pit bull had bites in areas of its body that were indicative of dogfighting, according to Higgason. Some of the bites appeared new and others were older and scarred. The dog struggled to stand up and its left eye was swollen and the plan was to treat it with antibiotics while keeping it in quarantine for 10 days

"More than likely it will be humanely euthanized," Higgason said.

The dog may have been used as a "bait dog," or a dog used to train other dogs to fight Higgson said

dogs to fight, Higgason said.

"(Trainers) will use dogs that are not as aggressive and tie up a 'bait dog' to let other dogs repeatedly attack it," she said. "Because maybe it won't fight back, or not be so aggressive, it was probably dumped by the owner."

Larry Wimsett, animal control officer at the Nelson County Animal Shelter, did some investigation on



SUBMITTED BY LAURA HIGGASON

The remains of a cockfight in May 2010 were found beneath a street sign on Clarktown Road near Melody Lake. Their legs were bound and taped and their talons had been cut off.

Pottershop Road after the dog was brought in.

"I rode up and down Pottershop Road and we are yet to figure out what that was all about," Wimsett said. "We put it on antibiotics and made it as comfortable as we could."

In December 2011, the Animals Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) ranked Kentucky the single worst in the nation for animal protection laws for the fifth consecutive year.

It is a felony to actively participate in a dogfight in Kentucky and a misdemeanor to attend a dogfight, but the penalties for actively participating in or attending a cockfight are more lenient.

Wimsett believes the penalties for fighting an animal should be more severe.

Wimsett is the only full-time animal control officer in Nelson County.

Higgason believes the animal abuse problems in the county may be too much for one full-time animal control officer to handle.

"Nelson County is not the largest county in Kentucky, but we only have a full-time and part-time animal control officer for all of Nelson County," Higgason said. "I can see where that would be difficult for an animal control

Wimsett said his staff gives a good effort, but they may not be able to solve all of the county's animal abuse problems. He said an increase in the county's population complicates his job and people do not give the same respect to an animal officer as they would to a police officer.

"You don't get any credit on this job," Wimsett said. "In this line of

work, you like me or you dislike me."

The Animal Legal Defense Fund named Kentucky the worst state for animal abuse in December 2011 for several reasons. Kentucky does not have felony provision for cases of extreme neglect or abandonment. The state has no laws preventing the ownership of animals following a conviction, and no requirements for mental health evaluations for abusive owners. Veterinarians are prohibited from reporting suspected cruelty or fighting, the unintended consequence of a law

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### Teaching positions not likely to be cut

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the Nelson County School District are likely to be cut next school year, but the district is seeking other ways to handle spending cuts at the state level and expense increases locally.

Operations Hockensmith at sion meeting.

"We just don't think they can stand further cuts in the staffing formulas for teaching positions," Hockensmith said of district schools.

state funding during the past few years, including a drop in SEEK money from about \$17.5 million in 2009 to around \$15.5 million this year. SEEK funding is allotted by the state for transportation, special needs and

A statewide SEEK shortfall announced last month will amount to about \$446,000 less than was originally projected for Nelson County Schools, Superintendent Anthony Orr said. That cut was mostly anticipated in this year's budget, said Hockensmith, who estimated the district will receive \$15 million next

The district will face increased expenses once Thomas Nelson High School opens in August 2012, Hockensmith added.

But the board emphasized that two high schools doesn't mean double the staff or double the cost.

"A lot of times people will

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fidentiality. The ALDF

alleges the state does not

have adequate standards of

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the bird and the parapherna-

lia. In cockfighting, the

rooster's talons are removed,

its ankles are bound with

tape and metal spurs are placed where its talons used

In Nelson County, cock-

fighting is more popular in

the southern parts of the

"I know people in New Haven who do not want to

be identified who say it goes

on all the time," Higgason

Higgason found the

remains of a cockfight in

May 2010 beneath a street

sign on Clarktown Road

near Melody Lake. She took

photos of 10 to 12 rooster

carcasses in varying stages

of decomposition that

showed signs of fighting.

Their legs were bound and taped and their talons had

"You can see how the

combs were removed, their

legs were wrapped — things

that were indicative of cock-

fighting," Higgason said. "It

looked like someone just

Higgason told Nelson

County Animal Control

about the carcasses and was

told by the shelter to call

Kentucky State Police. She

said Kentucky State Police

told her there was nothing

Recent state laws have

held it is an animal control

officer's job to investigate

cruelty and neglect, accord-

Higgason said. "For a while,

nobody wanted to do any-

thing. The Kentucky State

Police said, 'Why don't you

call animal control?' So

basically nothing was done

frustrating,"

they could do.

ing to Higgason.

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think, well, you've got one high school, now you've got two — double. Double everything. It's not going to be that way," board member Damon Jackey said.

Board member Nicky Rapier pointed to plans to have two assistant principals instead of three at Nelson County High School in 2012-2013, and to move one assistant principal to Thomas Nelson High School that year. Ultimately, the intent is to have two assistant principals at both schools, Hockensmith said. Rapier pointed out that the district is moving from four high school principal/assistant principal positions to six, not eight.

One way to save costs would be to cut custodial staff. Custodial positions are allocated based on the square footage of a building, and increasing the square footage per custodian could cover much of the additional expense incurred with the high school, Hockensmith explained. Another approach would be to outsource some custodial positions, he suggested.

The board emphasized that not only are some custodians employed by the district considered a "part of the school family," many are asked to perform extra duties, such as plumbing, that outside contractors might not do.

Standardized test scores

Rapier commended Nelson County High School Principal Eric Gilpin and **TNHS** Principal Bradley on their implementation of a number of new programs, but reminded them that he was concerned about stagnant test scores.

"Test scores are going down in some subjects. We cannot have that," Rapier said. "Whether test scores are right or wrong, that's what we're judged by."

Rapier was likely referring to PLAN and **EXPLORE** standardized test scores presented to the board last month. Composite scores on the PLAN test, administered to high school sophomores, have showed little change over the past six years. The composite score in 2006-07 was 16.8, while in 2011-12, the composite was 16.7, the highest it has been since 2006, the first year the test was mandated. The 2011-12 test was taken in September 2011.

The results of this year's EXPLORE test, administered to eighth-graders, were also reported last month. Board members expressed concern at the time that some composite scores had fallen during the last several vears. New Haven School posted its lowest composite yet — a 13.9. Its highest was a 14.8, in 2006-07.

Boston School, too. showed a drop. Though it ranked 19th in the state in 2010-11 scores with a 16.7 composite, in 2011-2012 students scored a composite

Nelson County Schools Executive Director of Instruction Mark Thomas pointed to the district's other two middle schools - Old Kentucky Home Middle, which scored its highest score yet with 15.3 composite, and Bloomfield Middle, which took home a 15.7 composite, also its highest score yet and the highest in the district.

"I was pleased to see the gains made by Old Kentucky Home Middle," Thomas said. "We've seen a little dip in (other schools') scores but I'm certain and I feel assured that the principals have put in some interventions. ... I'm certain that we'll see a turnaround in their scores."

per when its ears were

him up, the owner wanted

him back and the Humane

Society said no," she said.

"As soon as we cleaned

Animal Control cited the

backyard breeder and she

did not get the dog back. The

dog was sent to an animal

rescue program in another

"I'm almost willing to bet

every Cocker Spaniel

comes from that breeder,'

Higgason said.

state.

touched, Higgason said.

### **Driver swerves to miss deer, car rolls over**

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A vehicle rolled over close to KY 733, about two miles from Boston, early Wednesday after the driver swerved to miss a deer.

A vehicle driven by Christopher Probus, 23, Lebanon Junction, went off the road, rolled over and came to rest against a fence 8:35 a.m.

Dep. Mark Kaminski from the Nelson County Sheriff's Department was the first to respond to the wreck about 8:39 a.m.

Probus told the Nelson County Sheriff's Department he was driving west on Bellwood Road when he swerved on the wet road to avoid hitting a deer, according to a police report.

Probus was not operating the vehicle properly and overcorrected or oversteered in the roadway, according to the report.

The Bardstown-Nelson County Fire Department and EMS also responded to the wreck.

Probus refused medical treatment and was seen walking around after the

### One injured in 3-vehicle pileup on Louisville Road

STAFF REPORT

A Bardstown man suffered possible neck injuries after a three-vehicle accident on Louisville Road Wednesday evening.

The accident occurred about 7:13 p.m., as James W. Gilkey, 62, Bardstown, was stopped in the southbound lane of Louisville Road, waiting to turn left onto a private drive about 0.2 miles north of Bardstown. According to a report from the Nelson County Sheriff's Office,

Jonathan A. Buckman, 29, Bardstown, was at the wheel of a 2007 Nissan Maxima that was stopped behind Gilkey's 1997 Dodge Ram pickup truck.

A 1993 Chevrolet Conventional Cab 4x2 truck driven by Logan T. Cox, 19, Bloomfield, was unable to stop in time and struck the rear of Buckman's car, pushing it into the back of Gilkey's truck, which was knocked into a ditch, the police report states. Buckman's vehicle turned 90 degrees and came to rest with Cox's truck against the driver's side door.

Buckman was transported to Flaget Memorial Hospital but no one else was injured, including his young passenger, Ella Buckman, 1, Bardstown.

The report cites inattention on Cox's part, along with a slippery surface and glare, as contributing factors to the accident. It was raining at the time on the unlighted stretch of roadway, the report also notes.





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Higgason went back to the scene the next day and

No teaching positions in Executive Director of

Tim appeared before the Nelson County School Board at a work ses-Bloomfield Elementary last week in anticipation of a draft 2012-2013 budget likely to be presented at January's regular

But, he added, the district faced a number of cuts in

other costs.

>> Abuse

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the carcasses were gone.

"Even the skeletal remains were gone," "The Higgason said. Kentucky State Police said they would call me if they needed the photos. They never did."

Wimsett said he has heard about cockfighting in Nelson County and said participants are usually involved in the exchange of money and drugs.

"There will probably be some tough people in that bunch," Wimsett said.

Wimsett said he can only recall one case in which he saw signs of cockfighting.

He once received a call from a resident near Melody Lake who said a rooster was injured at the side of the

"Whoever threw it out there threw it out for dead," Wimsett said. "I had never seen one before. That is something new on me. Spur was metal, about an inch long and curved like a C-

shape.' Nelson County Sheriff Stephen Campbell said he did not hear any rumors about cockfighting Nelson County in 2011.

"I have heard stories of it going on in other counties in a big way," Campbell said. "I have not had any complaints of that going on here. It wouldn't surprise me that it goes on somewhere."

Abuse cases vary from animal fighting, animal hoarding and backyard breeding, which Higgason said is common in Nelson

Backyard breeders are not certified breeders, and breed dogs with the hopes of making a profit. "We have a lot of back-

breeding yard Bardstown," Higgason said. The Humane Society

took in a Cocker Spaniel that was surrendered by a backyard breeder recently because he could no longer breed due to having badly matted fur. It was so badly matted it could not urinate properly and it had ammonia burns on its skin from retaining urine in its matted coat. Its ears were so badly infected that it would whim-

### >> OBITUARIES

### Joseph Elmer Miles, 84

Joseph Elmer Miles, 84, Loretto, died Tuesday, Jan. 10. 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital, Bardstown. Born



Miles

May 17, 1927, in Indianapolis, he was a retired farmer and former employee of Bird and Son Corporation in Bardstown. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death

by his wife, Dorothy Vivian Mattingly Miles; and his parents, Joseph William "Lee" and Estelle Viola Gordon Miles.

Survivors include three daughters, Cindy Miles, Richmond, Cathy (Tim) Side-

bottom, Springfield, and Gayla (Rodney) Edlin, Loretto; three sons, Billy (Terri) Miles, Eli Miles and Dennis Miles, all of Loretto; a sister, Mary Roselina Osbourne, Louisville; nine grandchildren; seven greatgrand- children; and his longtime companion, Louise Gootee, Lexington.

Mass of Christian burial is 11:30 a.m. Friday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Manton, followed by interment in the church cemetery. The Rev. Chris Allegra will be the celebrant. Military Rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard.

Mattingly Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

### Mattingly Funeral Home

### Dorothy Marie Brammer, 46

Joseph Kenneth DeMar, 79

The funeral for Dorothy Marie "Sissy" Brammer, 46, New Haven, was 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, in the chapel of William R. Rust Funeral Home with burial in Lanham-Brammer Family Cemetery, New Haven. The Rev. Troy Overton, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, officiated.

Mass of Christian burial for

Joseph Kenneth "Kenny"

DeMar, 79, New Haven, was

11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11,

2012, at St. Catherine of

Alexandria Catholic Church

with the Rev. Troy Overton,

pastor of St. Catherine of

Alexandria Catholic Church,

brothers and close friends, Johnny Brammer, Charles Brammer, John T. Brammer, Joseph Coomes, Phillip Booker, Michael Booker, Billy Cox and Blackie Willett.

William R. Rust Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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### Woody Williams, 77

Woody Williams, 77, Bardstown, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. He was born Dec. 16, 1934, in Paris and was retired machinist for Naval Ordinance in Louisville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Williams; and a sister, Ruby Guance.

Survivors include his lifelong companion, Sandra Logsdon, Bardstown; a daughter, Stacey Salamon, Pennsylvania; a granddaughter, Bryn Salamon; a brother, Jimmie Williams,

### Jonathan Wayne Byrd, 16

Jonathan Wayne Byrd, 16, Willisburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at his home. He was born June 4, 1995, in Bardstown. He attended the Willisburg Church Of God Of Prophecy and was a sophomore at Washington County High School.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, James Byrd; and his maternal grandparents, Harvey Lee and Pallbearers were her Mary Eleanor Knott.

> Survivors include his father, Eddie Wayne Byrd, Willisburg; his mother, Elizabeth Imogene Morrow, Bardstown; his maternal grandmother, Gracie Byrd, Willisburg; three brothers, Carvel Knott, Bowling Green, Lionel Knott and Byron

Paris; two sisters, Jean Sorrell, Lexington, and Nettie Duvall, Tennessee; special friends, Rick Logsdon, Bardstown, and Aaron Logsdon, Lebanon, and their children, Codhi Logsdon, Cameron Logsdon and Nicholas Logsdon. A private memorial service will be held at a later Barlow Funeral Home is in

charge of arrangements.

Knott, both of Louisville; three sisters, Nicole Byrd, Springfield, Staffonda (LaSteven) Cleaver, Elizabethtown, and Rosanna George, Louisville; several nieces and nephews; and a great-nephew.

The funeral will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Willisburg Church of God Of Prophecy with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Willisburg.

The Rev. Steve Puckett, the church pastor, will officiate.

Pallbearers are Jackie Byrd, Ricky Burkhead, Brett Hudson, W.T. Lewis, Courtney Curtsinger, Benji Gaona and Tim Curtsinger.

Carey & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



#### **NEW**

#### **Nelson Fiscal Court**

Nelson Fiscal Court will hold an Animal Control Committee meeting 8:15 a.m. Jan. 13 in the Nelson Fiscal Courtroom to discuss proposal and contract with the Humane Society of Nelson County.

#### **University of Notre Dame Folk Choir**

The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir will present a program of sacred music 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the church at the Abbey of Gethsemani. The event is free and open to the public.

#### **American Legion** dance

American Legion Post 121, 206 W. Broadway, will have a dance Jan. 14 with the doors open at 7 p.m., with Prime Time from 8 p.m.midnight. There is a \$5 cover charge at the door and the event is open to the public. Must be 21. For more information, call Peter Trzop at 233-4585.

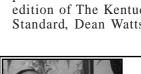
#### Nelson Co. garbage

Nelson County garbage customers will be on regular schedule Jan. 16-20.

### >> CORRECTION

In the article "Senior citizens building for sale," published in the Jan. 11 edition of The Kentucky Standard, Dean Watts is

quoted as saying the old senior citizens building needs a new roof. In fact, it had a new roof installed in 2008, according to Watts.



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# >> Religion

### We can be free to love, accept We have already begun to

experience the new year of 2012 and for a fact time seems to travel quickly. Today I had dinner with special minfriends Elizabethtown and the topic was just this "2012." In the logos Word of God the number "12" always spoke and dealt with the Government of (His established Kingdom) and His Divine plan and control over His people. The Hebrew word for government is defined as, "To prevail in power." Truly God is all powerful and His kingdom eternal but we really have not seen the power displayed through His universal body which individual corperate bodies are formed. A good reason for this is because although Christ is the head of the body, we have not made Him the head.

Ephesians 4: 2, 3 resounds, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (3) With lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." There are many factors why Christ has not been demonstrated in power, but the strongest factor is that we as Christians are still killing our own, throwing grenades at one another. And denominations or non-denominations alike have been too busy cross-firing over doctrines forgetting that Jesus has called us to unify and become one in His Spirit. He has simply called us to love.

All of us have been guilty of this very thing sometime or another, but we can come to



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place where we agree not to disagree. Unfortunately this doesn't always come naturally; it is easier reading what we are supposed to do than doing it. That's why we are told to take on the mind of Christ. (Philippians 2: 5) Then we as believers will not be a live land mine that blows a body part off if we choose to be believe differently, but we will become a gold mine to one another freely depositing into one another the endowment or gifts of God that were deposited into you in the attitude of love.

In the natural we can learn from the Civil War. The tragic cost was about 620,000 lives, almost as many as the combined American dead of all other wars from Revolutionary War (1775-1783) through the Vietnam War (1957-1975). What has this to do with the body of Christ? Well, I wonder just how many have checked out with God and became casualties because of our prejudice concerning church preferences. The unity of the faith is the ability to worship in any

the denomination or non-denomination in the Spirit of Christ and in truth. Only this can come from an understanding that it is Christ who does the work within all of us and His Great Grace my friends is more than enough. The aftermath of the Civil

War brought bitterness between the people of the North and South for generations. We look back at the Civil War and the division and loss as a result of the destruction within America's soil and grieve but yet today the very body of people that is to show forth the glory of God is full of strife. Let us learn to bury our differences. Life itself here on planet Earth is way too short. I have learned that every denomination has its strengths and where the Lord's Spirit is, there will He be also. And what local church He has decided to plant His children to grow, and be a blessing to others is His business. After all He is an all-knowing God.

We can be free to love and accept if we get past the religious spirits that divide and build walls. These will be found in the form of debates, judging, criticism and legalism. I thank God for diversity and thankfully you have some great pastors in this town. Yes, let us impart the goodness of God and extend our right hand of fellowship. Let us be a comfort to one another, and unify under the government of His dear Son, Christ Jesus where all fullness flows.

### >> RELIGION NOTES

#### St. Catherine Catholicism series

The Rev. Troy Overton will present a

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#### **Nelson Christian member** recognition

Nelson Christian Church, 1760 New Shepherdsville Road, is having New Member Recognition Jan. 15, honoring all who became a part of its congregation during 2011. The new members will be reintroduced at the 10:30 a.m. worship service preceding the morning message by Dr. Tom Mobley, Minister. A luncheon in their honor will take place immediately following the service. The congregation invites any in the community who wish to share in this special day. For additional information, call the church office at 348-3495.

### Film Movement Series at the library

The feature film showing at the Nelson County Public Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 will be the Israeli film, The Human Resources Manager, directed by Eran Riklis. This film was the winner of five Israeli Academy Awards. It also won the Audience Award at the Locarno Film Festival and was an Official Selection of the Toronto Film Festival and the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

The film is centered on the troubled Human Resources Manager of Jerusalem's largest bakery. He is separated from his wife, distanced from his daughter, and stuck with a job he hates. When one of his employees, a foreign worker, is killed in a suicide bombing, the bakery is accused of indifference, and the HR Manager is sent to the victim's hometown in Romania to make amends. Far from home, on a mission to honor a woman he didn't even know but has somehow grown to admire, the HR Manager fights to regain his company's reputation — and possibly his own hu-

The 108 minute long film is in Hebrew, Romanian and English with English subtitles. The movie is not subject to rating by the MPAA but is not recommended for those under age 17 without parental permission

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**>> Opinion** 

### **EDITORIAL**

### Kentucky's animal cruelty laws aren't enough

Kentucky is at the bottom of yet another list. In December 2011, the Animal Legal Defense Fund named Kentucky the nation's worst offender when it comes to animal abuse and legislation. And it's no wonder: as it turns out, punishment for crimes against animals in Kentucky is incredibly lax, with no provision to file felony charges in cases of extreme cruelty and no methods in place to prevent those convicted of mistreating animals from owning animals again. Even those who might be animals' greatest advocates veterinarians — are prohibited from reporting suspected cruelty or fighting, the unintended consequence of a law which mandates client confidentiality.

If we were blind to our state's shortcomings on the issue of basic animal rights, our eyes are now wide open with the shocking discovery of more than 200 animals allegedly living in filthy conditions at a Henry County residence last month. Kenneth and Terri Smith were accused of hoarding everything from dogs and horses to birds and guinea pigs without giving them proper care.

Officials in Henry County have stepped up to confiscate all the Smiths' animals, but only 10 years ago, Henry County was embroiled in a controversy alleging that the county's own animal shelter was shooting dogs rather than humanely euthanizing

But Henry County isn't alone by any means. Every corner of Kentucky has seen its share of animal abuse cases, including Nelson County. As recently as last week, a pit bill dropped off at the Nelson County Animal Shelter displayed injuries and scars reminiscent of dogfighting. It's unlikely the perpetrator of this abuse will ever be found, Humane Education Coordinator Laura Higgason said.

Today, Henry County officials say they have turned their county around, but our state is still in the dark ages. Terri Smith faces 218 counts of second-degree animal cruelty, a Class A misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of 12 months in prison and a \$500 fine. Even first-degree animal cruelty on first offense is only a Class A misdemeanor, though it is bumped up to a Class D felony for further offenses.

That Terri Smith could face only 12 months in jail after the misery she allegedly inflicted willfully and knowingly on hundreds of animals — a crime that, had it been committed against a human, would qualify her for years in prison — is inconceivable. Kentucky knows better. It's time for a change.

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### **OUR VIEWS**

### Social responsibility and Google searches

Thanks to e-mail, Blackberries, iPads, text messaging and Skype, our world is becoming more and more paperless. Although my traditionalist leanings when it comes to desiring to hold the "real" book in my hands persist, I can't deny that going the way of the e-reader at least appears to be better for the planet.

But it is so often difficult perhaps it's impossible to see the whole picture. Whether Newton's third law, that "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction," means that every effort to lessen our environmental impact in one area will increase it in another -I hesitate to believe, for the sake of hope only. The solution is just to keep our eyes open and not to become too habituated to our habits. Google searches, for

It's no longer a secret: every time you do an Internet search, you use energy. The impact occurs in a location so distant from us perhaps in a server farm in an entirely different state that we can't see it and are utterly blind to it. At least we can see the smoke coughing out of our tailpipes, or the number of gallons used on our water



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In fact, we thought we were doing a good thing. When the mailman drops the new phonebooks in the front hall of my building, they remain stacked in the corner for months. We prefer the online yellow pages, and perhaps one day the paper version will stop coming altogether, and then there will be a little less tree-cutting in the world.

Likewise, how many of us would take the time to flip through a paper dictionary anymore? Even if I had one right beside me, I'd be more likely to just type the word into a search engine. That is, until I learned about the Google searches.

The London Telegraph

reported the findings of a study led by Harvard University physicist Dr. Alex Wissner-Gross. Researchers found that two Google search produce about the same amount of carbon dioxide as boiling a kettle. Remember, too, that this occurs in just a fraction of the time it takes to bring a kettle to boil, meaning producing CO2 is easier and quicker than ever. Even just being on a website causes carbon dioxide emissions. Indeed, that same article reports that information technology in 2009 accounted for around 2 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide, "and its carbon footprint exceeded that of the world's aviation industry for the first time in 2007." These numbers come via American research firm Gartner (and via the Google search I performed to find the article in the first place).

All this time we thought we were preserving a few more trees as vessels for carbon dioxide storage, we were releasing the greenhouse gas in bulk, in blissful ignorance.

The result is that we may face, on a daily basis, greater tests of each individual's sense of responsibility toward others than humans

have perhaps ever faced. Societies become more wasteful only as they become more affluent, and the compulsion to reuse and be cautious of one's environ ment diminishes along the same line. Hunter-gatherer, agrarian and other more self-sustaining societies use every part of an animal or make new clothing out of old scraps not out of a sense of responsibility to mankind as a whole, but for the direct benefit of themselves and their close associates. It is practical.

Today, I can dump bleach down the drain and I will never have to starve because fish in the nearby river are no longer safe to eat. I can drive as much as I want because farmers, coastal communities and the world's poor are bearing the brunt of global warming. And I can search Google without anyone ever admonishing me for being wasteful. It's easier than ever to be blind to the consequences of our own actions; the walls that lock out suffering are tall Preserving the earth and caring for others is wrapped up in every personal decision made by me and you

### Playing with politics of personalities

Recently, my band played a gig in Columbus, Ohio. We started the arduous process of opening for other bands with larger audiences a month ago. The generous reception and responses continue to fuel our ambition and validates what we are trying to accomplish in regards to developing our own sound. No, this isn't some profound rambling about the immeasurable abstract process of creating art. So just bear with me for a few sentences.

We write our own music. We don't cover anyone else's material. The music, the melody and just the sheer act of creating something within a six-piece band where everyone works in concert can be a feat all by itself. It requires creativity and confidence. It demands the ability to share constructive criticism and a certain aptitude for improvisation. As with many things, you must love it to do it. Natural talent must be balanced with a proficiency in music that can only come with experience. This experience comes from practice and time invested in the less glamorous process where most give up. The last crucial ingredient, just as within any



BRAD **BOWMAN** 

REPORTER

team dynamic, paramount in the composition of any successful band is the right combination of personalities. Each individual carries the responsibility for this. We each are too seasoned with talent and experience to tolerate prima donnas, petulant rants or self-important drama queens. Our last gig made this most evident.

The venue has two stages, two great sound systems and everything about the gig was a recipe for certain success. But making that happen proved more trying than any of us thought. It wasn't the logistics of fitting six guys on a stage together. It wasn't the jigsaw puzzle of getting a drum set, three guitar ampli-

fiers, a bass cabinet and a keyboard to fit. Nor was it the lack of space for any of us to move around if the spirit of the music grabbed us. The most taxing obstacle in our collective morale was the politics of one band member's personality. In truth, we each knew we were moving perilously closer to a conflict. Patiently, we had tolerated his inconsiderate trespasses as if there would be a payoff, but our only redeeming return came in the decision for his inevitable removal.

This individual hasn't had a job in a year. He has lived in his deceased parents' house for the last year that I have personally known him without a job and no blips on the radar of ambition to find one. The drummer drives an hour and I now drive two hours to the studio where we practice. He lives less than 40 minutes away and would always start calling us on the day of practice so that we could go out of our way to pick him up. He obviously is too busy to make his own arrangements. The last practice we had before the gig someone had to pick him up after an hour of waiting on him. He never even offered

the simplest of pleasantries. He never muttered a simple 'thanks' or gave us a few bucks for gas. His demeanor of entitlement soon festered into a condescending nonrapport. He would easily criticize anyone's composition and attempt to dominate its final framework without ever bringing any material of his

I won't go into great detail of a similar scenario in arranging to get him to the gig in Columbus. Nor will I go into his disdain for anyone's plans after the gig when we waited for 20 minutes in my car to give him a ride home while he drank beer in the

We played a great set. People clapped and complimented us. Several staff members commented that they wanted us back. The venue itself is one of the best places for original bands to play in the area. We were all riding the satisfaction of a great time, achieving another accomplishment toward our goals and a well-played set. Perhaps the greatest step we made that night though was acquiring the moxie to continue our growth without him. We let him go two days later.

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### >> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Redistricting, campaigns and term limits

Following a national census, which takes place every 10 years in America, your General Assembly must redraw the lines that define legislative, senatorial and U.S. Congressional districts. We are doing that now, during this session. Lines are drawn based on revised population data, the goal being to end up with 100 state house districts, 38 state senate districts, and 6 U.S. congressional districts of roughly equivalent populations.

Naturally, those who redraw the lines (the majority in each chamber) want to retain the majority. So you redraw the lines to protect your own members and hurt members of the other party. (As Bo Bean would say, "it's not right, but it's so.") The lines you draw are set out in a bill, and when that bill comes up for a vote the majority will rule; the minority truly has no input, except to vote no or yes.

And so, you will see lines drawn that put two (or more) minority members together in the same district, and if they want to run again they will have to take on the other in a primary election; one of them will be gone. Also, as a majority you have drawn district lines that use party registration to improve your chances of picking up even more seats with the goal of enhancing your majority. A legislator develops

relationships with many of those he/she serves, regardless of political party affiliation. When the geographic area you serve is changed due to redistricting, it can feel as if you're losing friends in places that you have come to know and love, places that you might barely have known if you weren't in office with a responsibility to them. That's why redistricting can feel personal; we only have so much time, and dedicating that time to new areas means less time with our old friends.

Sometimes, a man or woman wants to run for office and so will place his or her name on the ballot. But more often, political parties recruit people to run against incumbents, and the reason is mostly about resources — money. The more people you run against incumbents, the less money the other guys have to spend on each of their races. In truth, the party doesn't care so much that you might win, but rather



### DAVID W. >> FLOYD

**STATE** REPRESENTATIVE

that the other guy will have to raise money to defend his/her seat; and the more

races you contest means there will be less money to spread around. It's kind of cynical, because these recruited candidates are mostly just fodder for the political battle.

Nine times out of 10 they

will lose to the incumbent. Meantime, the campaign is probably ugly, and expensive. (Media love campaigns, because they make a ton of money selling exposure.) So you have two (usually) good people slugging it out, trying to damage the other's reputation. The party will mail out half-truth postcards using voting records, personal history, etc. Prior to the election the two candidates were likely friends (or friendly acquaintances) but afterward the friendship suffers or is gone, and the

them in the public eye. (I should say that, after my election in 2004 a friend approached me with advice from his father, who had served locally in political office. He said that I should never mention my opponent during a campaign; "just run on what you've done or will do." I thought it was great advice, and have abided by it since.)

campaign damages both of

Since our political system (which I prefer to any other in the world) heavily favors incumbents how can we minimize the power of incumbency? Term limits is worth considering; there are people in your General Assembly who have served as a representative for more than 30 years — they came in when Jimmy Carter was president. I think that this is unhealthy; one reason is that fresh faces are more humble, more likely to respect their oath of office. For example, I debated a 16-year incumbent who said publicly that if the Kentucky Constitution conflicted with her passion,

### 'Coffee with Dave'

Legislator to Stay in State Rep. David W. Floyd announced a schedule of meetings in the 50th District that will take place on Saturday mornings during the 2012 legislative session. These are opportunities for citizens to meet with Floyd in an informal setting to discuss issues of concern to them.

- •Jan. 14 Fairfield, Joy's Grocery
- Jan. 21 Boston, Boston Food Market
- Jan. 28 Samuels, Rooster Run General Store
- Feb. 11 New Haven, Short Line Diner
- Feb. 18 Culvertown, Culver's Country Kwik Mart
- Feb. 25 Bardstown, Down Home BBQ
- March 10 High Grove Grocery • March 17 – New Hope
- Food Mart • March 24 - Botland,
- 150 Quick Stop
- March 31 Mount Washington (TBD)

Each Saturday meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and last for an hour or longer.

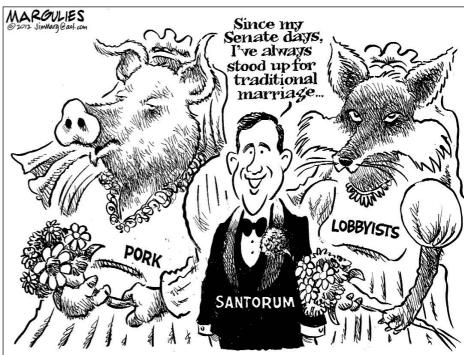
she'd go with her passion. I was flabbergasted! She'd forgotten that a legislator's oath is not to a cause, but rather to the Constitution. Some have said that we

already have term limits by way of "the next election." But I think the record shows that, since the power of incumbency is so strong, the next election doesn't truly provide the opportunity for term limits. If you believe that long-term legislative service is a problem, then a possible solution is to set a constitutional limit on the number of years — say, eight, 10 or 12 — one person may serve consecutively in the same office.

But for that to happen, incumbents will have to vote for term limits; and judging by the discussions I've had in Frankfort, that is not at all likely.

Hearing from you is the best part of my job. Call me at home, or leave a message at 1-800-372-7181. Our first "Coffee with Dave" is Saturday at 10 a.m. in Fairfield at Joy's Grocery. There's usually a good crowd there, so I hope you can join us. I'll buy the cof-

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### >>READERS'VIEWS

#### Time to address our address mess

To the editor: An event the week of Christmas prompts me to write this letter. I awakened around 4 a.m. to an off-andon siren sound. When I looked out the window, I saw an ambulance driving up and down Main Street in Fairfield obviously looking for someone. When I went outside, the ambulance stopped and the driver asked if this was Fairfield Road.

The point I am making is that WE have a long way to go before our addresses are good enough for an ambulance to quickly reach us. From my experience as a former USPS rural mail carrier, current manager of Rogan Mobile Home Court, former mayor of Fairfield, and current Planning and Zoning member, I know we need road signage, address adjustments, and cooperation between the cities, the county, and the many agencies that use addresses. It will take time to educate everyone and make the

needed changes. A long-term GIS coordinator is necessary to fully determine our needs, coordinate and implement the needed changes, and keep the addresses current and

accurate. The retention of Joe Mattingly as GIS Coordinator is vital to reaching these goals. But, all of us need to support his efforts, hire him full time, provide him with the resources and support that is needed, and get on with straightening out our addressing mess.

**Mary Ellen Marquess** P.O. Box 42 Fairfield

#### Make a difference: **Donate blood**

To the editor: One of my favorite TV programs is "What Would You Do?" We are called upon to make this decision more often than we might

Not a week goes by that we don't see or hear of the need for blood donors.

People with accident injuries, anemia, cancer, heart disease, leukemia, etc. need blood on a regular basis. Four million people need blood every year, one patient every three seconds. Ninety-seven percent of the population will need a blood transfusion by age 75.

We belong to the River Valley Region of the Red Cross. On an average day our region needs 600 pints of blood. Thirty-eight percent of the population is eligible to donate, but only eight percent are doing so.

We are eligible to donate every eight weeks, but the average donor gives only 1.5 times a year. Surely we can raise that to three times

A number of years ago nine people in my office committed themselves to donate blood. At the end of the year we had given five gallons.

According to the Red Cross, up to three people are saved each time a pint of blood is donated: newborns, cancer patients, accident victims, even wounded warriors sent to Louisville for hand surgery. Our small effort truly made a differ-

What a great project for other groups: bridge or poker players, deer, bird, coon hunters, Homemakers, Red Hat Ladies, book clubs, church groups, office staffs, Scout leaders, sports trainers, etc.

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### **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

### **Nelson falls** to WC in 20T

BRANDON MATTINGLY

Landmark News Service

Nelson County traveled to Washington County on Tuesday night, and dropped a double overtime thriller to the Commanders 73-68 with the No. 3 seed in the 19th District on the line.

The loss means the Cardinals (3-12 overall, 1-4 dist.) will need a win on the road tonight at Bethlehem (6 p.m. tipoff), or at home against Bardstown on Feb. 3 to avoid the No. 4 seed in the district tournament. The Cardinals won the first meeting with the Commanders, but the second game in the determines series tiebreaker.

"Obviously you want to stav out of the four-hole, but Bethlehem and Bardstown are both pretty good, so it's going to be a tough battle regardless," Nelson County coach William "Bev" Hart

After entering the fourth quarter down 42-40, Nelson County held a 50-47 lead before Washington County's Connor Riney hit the gametying three-pointer with 1:50 remaining. Another Riney basket gave the Commanders a two-point lead in the final minute.

Bradley Gerage came away with a steal for Nelson County, and tied the game with less than 30 seconds left. After a Washington County miss, freshman point guard Cameron Morgeson had a shot at the win with 3.9 seconds remaining, but his three-point attempt missed off the front of the rim as time expired.

The Commanders (3-12, 1-5 dist.) jumped out to a 58-54 lead in overtime, but the Cardinals fought back, and John Land tied the game at 60 in the final minute. Trey White then came up with a steal, and hit Morgeson for the go-ahead layup as the clock ticked under five seconds.

Washington County hur-

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### RIVER RAT



PETER W. ZUBATY SPORTS EDITOR

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### I don't want to hear it

OK, you folks have had your fun at my expense, but I've suffered enough.

I just don't want to talk about the Tebow-to-Thomas overtime gut shot delivered to my Steelers any more. I've put it behind me and I'm ready to move on. Preferably with Ike Taylor in a different locale and somebody else manning the cornerback position. That should be the first-round priority for the Steelers this year (or perhaps some help for an aging defensive front line).

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Anyway, here are my divi-

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**



PETER W. ZUBATY/The Kentucky Standard

Keonna Stone outran Amanda Monin (10) and the rest of the Bethlehem defense for this game-winning layup with 13 seconds left, snapping a three-game losing streak for Bardstown. Stone had 11 points, 10 rebounds and

## Stone's GW layup seals win

PETER W. ZUBATY

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After three straight tough district losses to start 2012, including a heartbreaking 51-50 decision at Washington County on a pair of free throws with no time left Saturday, Bardstown desperately needed something good to happen.

On Tuesday against visiting Bethlehem, Tiger senior Keonna

Stone delivered, outrunning the Banshee defense after receiving a pass against the press at midcourt and sprinting all the way to daylight for a game-winning layup with 13 seconds left to lift her team to a 44-41 win.

"I was just thinking I had to get there (and) we had to get the points so we could win the game, because this was a big win for us," said Stone of her final bucket, part of an 11-point, 10-rebound, seven-steal stat-stuffer of

a night. "It feels great for me and my team to know that we're going on a winning streak."

It was critical beyond just being a game-winning bucket, as the victory moved Bardstown to 2-3 in district play and assured the Tigers of the No. 3 seed in next month's 19th District tournament, where they'll face the Commanders, the tourney host. It

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### **BOYS' BASKETBALL**



Brandon Ray (32) got past Bardstown's Cody Ramos for this fourthquarter bucket, but the Tigers had the final say in a 64-61 win. Both seniors scored 22 points in the game.

# Tigers hold

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Bardstown saw a 15-point second-half lead whittled down to just two by visiting Bethlehem with 13 seconds to go Tuesday, but the Tigers made just enough plays in the end to hang on for a 64-61 victory.

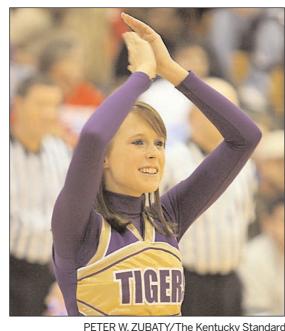
"It was very important (to get the win)," said Bardstown senior Cody Ramos, who had a monster game with 22 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. "We had to make a statement in the district and show teams we're the defending region champs."

The win put the Tigers (11-5 overall) in control of the 19th District seeding race at 4-0, while the Eagles (11-3) dropped to 3-1 in district games.

The teams traded runs in the first half for a time, and traded baskets for a time as well, as the game saw eight lead changes before the break. About midway through the first half, however, the Tigers started seizing control thanks in large part to Ramos, who was 8-for-9 with 16 points before intermission — rip-

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### STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**Bardstown senior Samantha Bowling is this** 

week's nominee for Student-Athlete of the Week.

PETER W. ZUBATY/The Kentucky Standard

### On the record with: Bardstown senior Samantha Bowling

Bardstown senior Samantha Bowling is this week's nomifor The Kentucky Standard/PLG-TV Student-Athlete of the Week.

Bowling carries a 3.86 GPA while serving as captain of the Tiger cheerleading squad and plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to study nursing. She stays busy at the Bardstown campus with several extracurricular activities, including FCA, National Honor Society and Pep Club, and also placed fourth in the pole vault competition at the state Class 1A championships

Kentucky Standard sports

editor Peter W. Zubaty caught

up with Bowling for a few questions to better get to know

**PZ:** What's your favorite TV

**SB:** Criminal Minds, I find all crime shows very interesting. PZ: What got you started in cheerleading?

SB: My freshman year, the squad needed flyers, and I was small so I tried out and and automatically loved the **PZ:** Do you have a favorite

pre-game meal? **SB:** My favorite thing to eat is

Subway before games because

### >> SCORES AND **SCHEDULE**

### Scores Boys Basketball

Bardstown 61, Washington Co. 38

Tuesday Bardstown 64, Bethlehem 61 Washington Co. 73, Nelson Co. 68

#### Girls Basketball

Saturday Washington Co. 51, Bardstown 50 Sayre 47, Bethlehem 40

Bardstown 44, Bethlehem 41 Nelson Co. 62, Washington Co. 35

Bethlehem at East Jessamine

#### Wednesday Nelson Co. 47, Fort Knox 14

Wrestling

Schedule

**Boys Basketball** 

Nelson Co. at Bethlehem 6 p.m. Saturday Autism Classic

at Marion Co. Bardstown v. Frankfort 5 p.m. Monday All A Classic 5th Region Tourney

(All games 7:30 p.m.) Washington Co. at Bethlehem Bardstown at Caverna Fort Knox at Campbellsville

Bullitt East at Nelson Co. 7:30 p.m. All A Classic 5th Region Tourney

Co. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday All A Classic 5th Region Tourney

Fort Knox/C'ville winner at Green

B'town/Cav winner v. Beth/Wash Co. winner 7:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball** 

Taylor Co. at Bardstown 7:30 p.m. Nelson Co. at Bethlehem 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Shooting for the Cure Nelson Co. v. Harvest Prep, Ohio 8 p.m.

Monday All A Classic 5th Region Tourney (All games 6 p.m.) Washington Co. at Bethlehem Bardstown at Caverna Fort Knox at Campbellsville

Tuesday North Hardin at Nelson Co. 6 p.m.

All A Classic 5th Region Tourney Fort Knox/C'ville winner at Green Co. 6 p.m.

Wednesday All A Classic 5th Region Tourney B'town/Caverna winner Bethlehem/Washington Co. winner 6 p.m.

Wrestling Wednesday

Nelson Co. at Boyle Co. **Swimming** 

Wednesday
Bethlehem at Woodford Co.

**Bowling** Friday

Green Co. at Nelson Co.

### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

### Cards crush Commanders

**BRANDON MATTINGLY** 

Landmark News Service

Nelson County clinched the top seed in next month's 19th district tournament with an impressive 62-35 win on the road at Washington County — the district's No. 2 seed —Tuesday night. The Cardinals (12-4 over-

all, 4-0 in district play) got 15 points from Ashley Wimsett, who has averaged 19.5 points per game in two games this season against the Commanders (6-7, 3-3 dist.). Nine of her points came in the third quarter, when Nelson County turned a fourpoint halftime lead into a 19point advantage heading into the fourth quarter. 'She's been money all year

long," said Cardinals' coach Kelly Wood. "She can shoot lights out, and she practices hard and plays hard."

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### >> Cards

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The Cardinals pounded the ball inside to center Cierra Drake in the first quarter on their way to an 11-6 lead. A Wimsett threepointer early in the second pushed the score to 18-6, before the Commanders rallied.

Hazelwood Logan sparked a 13-5 run for Washington County, which closed the gap to 25-21 at

Wimsett got hot in the third quarter, racking up seven points in the quarter's final three minutes, including a wide-open three from the corner to push the score to 46-27 heading into the

fourth quarter. Nelson held Washington County to just two field goals in the quarter, both by center Kenya Turner, who led the her team with 15 points. After Wimsett's third

quarter performance, it was

Drake stepping up with

seven of her game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter. Wood said Drake came to play on Tuesday night. 'She has a fabulous attitude, and gave a fabulous effort tonight," he said. "She's really come along

with her work ethic, and I'm really proud of her attitude lately. All year she's been

Nelson County cruised to a 27-point win, and locked up the one-seed in the district tournament. Wood said it was a big win for his

"It's really important that

we get the one-seed, Washington because County is going to host (the tournament)," he said.

The Cards Bethlehem tonight at 6 p.m. before traveling to Male tomorrow to face Harvest Prep, Ohio at 8 p.m.

Brandon Mattingly is a sports writer for The Springfield Sun. E-mail him at bmattingly@thespringfieldsun.com.

Nelson Co. 62, Washington Co.

NC 11 14 21 16-62 WC 6 15 6 8-35

NC (62) - Drake 16, Wimsett 15 Hagan 9, Johnston 6, Lewis 4, Walls 3, Harmon 3, Dixon 2, Mattingly 2, Maupin 2. WC (35) —Turner 15, Yocum 12,

Hazelwood 5, Logan 2, Jones 1.



BRANDON MATTINGLY/Landmark News Service

Nelson County junior Ryan Bell goes up for a block against Washington County's Connor Riney, but was called for a foul on the play.

### **>> 20T**

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ried to get the ball to midcourt, and called a timeout with 2.8 seconds remaining. Out of the timeout, Riney delivered again for the Commanders, with a floating jumper through the lane that forced double overtime at 62-62.

Five quick points from Alex Marshall helped the Commanders to a 71-66 lead in the final minute of double overtime. Morgeson got to the basket for a layup with 17.8 seconds remaining to cut the lead to three, and Trae Abell missed a pair of free throws for Washington County, giving the Cards one more chance. Gerage got a three-point

sion round NFL playoff

NFC: New Orleans 38,

**San Francisco 19** — This is

a battle of old-school NFC

West rivals, but this one

won't end up like it used to

always be with the 49ers

dominating. Why? Because

Alex Smith ain't Joe

Montana or Steve Young,

and Drew Brees just can't

>> River

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quick picks:

Saturday

look, but drew nothing but air. Marshall corralled the the Commanders, and was fouled with 8.3 seconds remaining. The junior hit both free throws, and Washington County took a 73-68 win. Hart said the difference in the game was

"When it came down to it, they made the plays that they needed to make and we couldn't," he said.

The Cards finished the first quarter on a 6-0 run to take an early 14-11 lead. They kept the advantage throughout the first half behind the play of sophomore Austin Willett — who had a game-high 22 points - and took a 29-25 lead into intermission.

Washington County started the third quarter on a 12-

AFC: New England 42,

2 run before a pair of White baskets — including a breakaway dunk — slowed the rally, but Commanders held a 42-40 lead after three quarters.

"We had a hard time getting rebounds, and a hard time getting stops," said Hart. "We missed several shots right around the basket that we've got to make."

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Washington Co. 73, Nelson Co. 68 2OT

NC 14 15 11 12 10 6—68 WC 11 14 17 10 10 11—73 NC (68) — Willett 22, Morgeson 17, White 12, Land 9, Gerage 7,

WC (73) - Marshall 21, Riney 20, Abell 15, Pettus Curtsinger 4, Burkhead 2.

probably going to make life

**Denver 24** — No, this isn't a sour grapes pick. It's simply one made with the that New England simply doesn't lose Saturday night playoff games at home. Plus, they already showed they knew how to shut down the Tebow machine, in case you forgot the 41-23 shellacking at

### Sunday

knowledge

AFC: Baltimore 22, **Houston 6** — Because as much as I hate to admit it, the Ratbirds are a pretty good team, and they're

miserable for T.J. Yates.

NFC: NY Giants 48, Green Bay 42 — I'm smelling a repeat of a few years ago, when Eli and Co. turned the tables on undefeated New England in the Super Bowl after a nearupset in the regular season. It seems the Giants haven't quit on Tom Coughlin after all, and, well, the Packers just can't stop anybody. This week it catches up with

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#### competition floor. >> Week

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be stopped.

it doesn't leave me feeling sick afterwards. **PZ:** What's your favorite

song/album? **Favorite** Band/Artist? **SB:** I'm a big fan of country

music, my favorite song is "Love Like Crazy" by Lee Brice and my favorite artist is Blake Shelton.

**PZ:** What do you enjoy most about cheerleading? **SB:** What I enjoy most

about cheerleading is the

adrenaline rush I get the

moment I set foot on the

**PZ:** What does it mean to

Denver a month ago.

be a leader on your squad? SB: To me, being a leader for the squad means always setting a good example and pushing my team to be better.

PZ: How tough is it juggling schoolwork, sports,

and other activities? **SB:** It's definitely a struggle on a daily basis, especially with my class load, but I have a planner that helps

keep me on track. **PZ:** What had been your

biggest thrill in cheerleading?

**SB:** My biggest thrill would

have to be performing at Rupp Arena in front of what seemed like thousands of people during the Sweet 16. **PZ:** What do you do when you have precious free time away from school and sport?

**SB:** In my free time I hang out with my friends, read a book, or just have muchneeded chill time.

Samantha's TV interview appeared on Thursday's segment of Zubaty and Crew Sports Week on PLG-TV 13. Watch the archived version online www.plgtv.com.

### >> Layup

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also guaranteed Bardstown (6-10) a spot on the other side of the bracket away from top seed Nelson County, which is 4-0 in district play and dominating district opponents by a 33point margin. The Cardinals beat the Tigers by 51 during their first meeting. "It was a good win for lots

of reasons," Bardstown coach Paul Stone said. "It was good to win a close game." For Bethlehem, however,

the battle is all uphill as the Banshees fell to 1-15 overall and 1-4 in 19th District play. They'll host Nelson County tonight in the back end of a boys-girls doubleheader with tipoff set for about 7:45

"We've just got to keep working hard," Banshees coach Chris Taylor said. "It is what it is. The girls knew it was an important game." That importance showed

early on as Bethlehem finished off the first half with a 10-2 spurt to take a 25-17 lead into the locker room. Senior Amanda Monin scored eight of her 10 points before the break.

The Banshees were able to maintain that lead throughout the third quarter and built a lead as large as nine. The lead was 31-26 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but that's when Bardstown made its move as BreAsia Spalding hit a three-

pointer and a free throw in the opening minute of the frame to cut the Bethlehem lead to 31-30, and the Tigers got its first lead since early in the first quarter on Karis Rogers' three-pointer at the 6:28 mark. At the 6:02 mark, Julia Comandini hit a layup off a Stone assist to cap an 11-0 run stretching back to the third quarter, making it Taylor said the run coin-

cided with a short break on the bench for senior Olivia Alm (eight points), lamenting that the Banshees who remained on the floor seemed to take a break along with their leader. Rogers said Paul Stone's

passionate halftime speech lit a fire under the Tigers, something they'd been need-"Tonight was the first

time this season I've been 'un-calm,'" the Tiger coach The run was eventually a

13-1 team after Abbie Parrish — who had a gamehigh 15 points — got a layup to make it 37-32, forcing a Bethlehem time out with 5:15 left. The ploy worked, as soph-

omore Addie Alm followed a stickback of a miss with a steal and a layup, then made another steal and layup for her own personal 6-0 run over a 30-second span to give the Banshees the lead back with 4:31 to play at 38-Monin answered a Stone

free throw with a pair of her own, making it 40-38 Bethlehem, but Spalding

tied it back up on a baseline drive with 1:56 to go. Olivia Alm's free throw with 1:40 left gave the Banshees their last lead at 41-40.

That lead stood up for the next minute, until Olivia Alm found sister Addie for a short jumper try from the left side with 47 seconds left, but the ball went out of bounds to the Tigers on the rebound, and Rogers was able to bank in a free throw with 38 seconds left to tie it.

Rogers came up big again with 24 seconds left, hassling Olivia Alm into a turnover at midcourt, setting up Stone's streaking drive for the winning layup.

"That was a huge defensive play on her part," Paul Stone said of Rogers. After Stone's layup, the

Banshees still had life, but MacKenzie Hagan missed with 1.3 seconds left and Comandini rebounded the miss, getting fouled and hitting one of two free throws to set the final margin. The Banshees couldn't get off a possible game-tying three as time ran out.

Bethlehem was in action Thursday after press time in a game at East Jessamine; Bardstown hosts Taylor County at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Both teams are in action Monday in the 5th Region All A Classic.

12 13 6 10—41 9 8 9 18—44 BE (41) - Monin 10, A. Alm 10, O. Alm 8, Hagan 3, Zellers 10. **BA (44)** — Parrish 15, Ke. Stone 11, Rogers 4, Finn 2, Comandini 4, Spalding 8.

Bardstown 44, Bethlehem 41

### >> Tigers From Page A8

ping off a 12-0 run at one point and going into halftime with a 40-29 lead. It was the best game of the

season thus far for Ramos, who emerged as an impact player during last year's 5th Region tournament.

"Hopefully this was a breakout for him," Brewer said.

For much of this season, Ramos has been a standout on defense and the rebounding glass, but, like his coach, the Tiger senior hopes to have a bigger offensive role going forward.

"It felt good because teammates weren't making their shots, so I had to make some big plays on the glass ... and step up and lead my team to victory," said Ramos, who turned six offensive rebounds into 12 points, all on stickbacks.

The Tigers outrebounded the Eagles 15-10 in the first

"They're so much bigger and stronger than us," Bethlehem coach Artie Braden said.

Bardstown twice led by 15 in the second half, the last time on a Devonte Grundy three-pointer with seven minutes to play that made it 54-39. But Grundy (11 points) retreated to the bench with his fourth foul shortly after that, and that's when the Eagles started clawing back into it. "I told the kids they're

going to make runs,"

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"Boo" Brewer said. "We kind of got real lazy on defense in the second half." Bardstown's shooting plummeted to 36 percent in

Bardstown coach James

the second half after they blistered the nets at a 53 percent clip in the first half. "We were rushing shots," Brewer said. "We can't have

that." Braden said the Eagles were focused on cutting down on the Tigers' dribble penetration and crashing the boards. It worked, as Bethlehem evened up the rebounding battle for the game at 27-27.

Meanwhile, Eagle senior Brandon Ray went to work, finding several holes in the Tiger defense, whether off drives or post-ups, scoring 14 of his team-high 22 after halftime. He followed up a layup by dishing off an assist to a cutting Ben Rossoll (11 points, five rebounds) to trim the Bardstown lead to 58-52 with three minutes remaining. Rossoll scored again on a drive a minute later, cutting the lead to 59-55, and Ray's driving layup with 1:10 remaining made it 60-57, the closest Bethlehem had been since midway through the second quarter.

"He's shown signs of this," Braden said of Ray. "Tonight he rose to the occa-After Ramos and Ray

traded buckets in the final minute to make it 62-59, a time out with 25 seconds remaining set up a wild fin-Grundy knocked down a

free throw with 22 seconds

left to put the Tigers back up by four, but the Eagles' Jordan Cooper answered with a jumper in the lane to trim Bardstown's lead to 63-61, and Bethlehem called a time out with 11.5 seconds On the ensuing possession, Anthony Myrks hit a

but missed the second. After a fight for the rebound under the basket, Bardstown's Marcus Cosby emerged with the ball and dished it off to Grundy, preserving the win. "We came up with the big

free throw to make it 64-61,

plays when we needed them," Brewer said.

The Eagles ended up shooting 55 percent for the game, but a 1-for-8 night on three-pointers and a 15-9 turnover differential proved costly.

Braden raved about the atmosphere at the game.

"We had great crowd support," he said. "I appreciate that. It makes it a lot more fun."

Bardstown faces Frankfort at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Autism Classic at Marion County. Bethlehem hosts Nelson County at 6 p.m. tonight in the front end of a boys-girls doubleheader. The Tigers and Eagles are both in action next week in the 5th Region All A Classic, where Bardstown is defending champ.

Bardstown 64, Bethlehem 61 16 13 10 22—61 16 24 9 15—64 BE **BE (61)** — Cooper 6, Ballard 2, Browning 9, Rogers 4, Mudd 7, Ray 22, Rossoll 11. BA (64) - Myrks 8, Cosby 10. Grundy 11, Brewer 9, Ramos 22, Starks 4.



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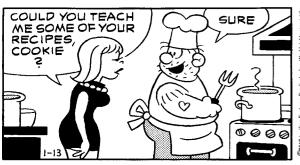
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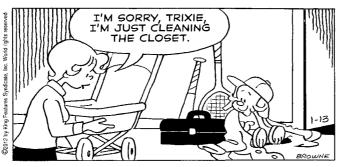






### HI AND LOIS





### **HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**













### Sorority sisters who support paddling are behind the times

have been accepted to a school that's the alma mater of several of my relatives. My mother, several aunts and other family members belonged to one sorority at this college. They are urging me to pledge there and uphold the family tra-

dition. They say they had some of the best times of their lives as

members of that sorority chapter. The members do well academically, as the sorority insists on it. They made lifelong friends, and their sorority contacts have been extremely

Although this chapter is very exclusive and accepts only the best-of-the-best, I will have no problems getting in, not only because of my academic record but also because I'm a "legacy."

helpful personally and professionally.

**JEANNE** 

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>> DEAR ABBY

Syndicated Columnist

So what's the problem? This sorority chapter still uses the paddle. Technically they don't haze — that is, have any initiation stunts — but they do use the paddle for disciplinary purposes. When I mention my concerns about the paddling to my mother and aunts, they say I should suck it up, as the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. One of my aunts said she thinks the

rules and discipline would be beneficial for me because she considers me kind of a

"wild child." Abby, I don't know if you know anything about sororities, but I'm asking for an obiective opinion from someone not directly

**POSSIBLY** PADDLED **PLEDGE** DEAR P.P.P.: I

joined a sorority in college, and I NEVER heard of a sorority hitting pledges or active members. Some fraternities may have allowed it, but certainly not

sororities. Whether your aunt thinks you could use the discipline is beside the point. Striking someone with a paddle is assault with a weapon. A young man died a short time ago in Florida because of the kind of hazing at which this national organization is winking. Are young women who behave that way really the kind of people with whom you would like to be lifelong friends? If not, then pass

on that sorority! DEAR ABBY: My son is chronologically 12 and the size of an adult,

but emotionally he is age 5. He's a

moderately functioning child with autism, ADHD and behavioral issues.

PLEASE let people know that just because they can't see a disability does not mean there isn't one. I often get dirty looks and rude comments, and I am extremely frustrated with it. Being nice or ignoring it does no good.

I know my son's behavior can be childish, rude or inappropriate at times. I have been fighting this battle every day since he was 2. I have seen every doctor and therapist available and exhausted every resource I could find, and now we have either aged out or my son isn't "bad enough" to be eligible.

However, he is still difficult to handle, and I still need to buy groceries and run errands. Sometimes that parent to whom you are giving the dirty looks is near the end of her rope and could use a little compassion or at least silence from the peanut gallery. What you see isn't always what you get. STRUGGLING MOM

IN LONG BEACH, MISS.

**DEAR STRUGGLING MOM:** Please accept my sympathy. As you and other parents of children with disabilities deal with the realities of daily living, the last thing you (or they) need is criticism from strangers. If someone makes a comment or gives you a look, you should say, "My son can't help himself; he's autistic." It's the truth.

### >> HOROSCOPES

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Being detail-oriented is excellent, but don't get so involved that you lose sight of your major interest and direction. Discussions within your circle of friends help solidify ideas and encourage opening up to yet another view. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Consider testing the waters before you leap in. You might feel or hope a situation or person is one way, only to discover just the opposite or find some tragic flaw weaving into the scenario. The Bull is known for its patience — use it with good timing. Tonight: Let your hair

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Consider what is going on behind the scenes or with an important friend or loved one. A thread of what is hidden is about to rear its ugly head. Though you might not want this information. do use it and discover the power of reality. Drop the rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Invite a friend to join you.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Start moving in a new direction. You could be baffled by what is going on. Test the waters to separate fact from misinformation. Base plans on reality, and success becomes more likely. Weaving through an illusion could result in failure. Tonight: Order in. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★

Be aware of your need to possess or be in control. Your imagination takes you in many different directions to achieve the end goal. Let go of that need — at least this once — and see what people do without your push. Tonight: Sleep

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You seem to have more steam and energy than usual. Others sense this energy. Don't be surprised by another person's efforts to touch base with

you. Confusion could affect a work or personal matter. Slow down and get feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\* In order to understand the dynamics around you, slow down and observe more. Also understand that your mind could be filtering the information that comes forward. Curb a knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Don't hesitate to take the lead; others will follow. Unfortunately, you could be witness to some deluded thinking within your immediate circle. One person could push the envelope. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  $\star\star\star\star$  You might send mixed messages without intending to. Pressure comes from a public commitment or professional matter. At the same time, don't delude yourself about a personal issue. You might not be content in the long run. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information and/or a key person at a distance. You are able to make an imprint by taking a conversation to another level Make sure your audience follows as well — if you want to be effective. Tonight: Off to the movies or listening to music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  $\star\star\star\star\star$  You have the ability to make a difference when dealing with individuals. If you surround yourself with too many people, your uniqueness melts into the group. A partner or associate takes a strong stand. Tonight: Togetherness

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  $\star\star\star\star\star$  Defer to others, knowing full well you can reverse courses if you want to. If someone feels that strongly about a key issue, this person needs to see what happens when he or she takes the position behind the steering wheel. Tonight: Extra

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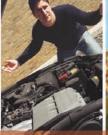














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the City of Bardstown has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a gravity sewer main along a tributary of town creek located near South Salem Drive and Highway 245, approximile mately 1 from Bardstown Court Square. Any comments or objections concerning this application directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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Sheckles told the board.

"He's shaped up the historic district and made it a lot easier for people to come in and set up business," Sheckles said of Bogert. "He ought to be commended for

### Development on

Councilman **Bobby** Simpson stepped outside the room for City Council's discussion of his request for a five-year assessment moratorium on property he owns at 718 N. Third St. A former apartment building on that property was torn down earlier this week.

"Mr. Simpson has purchased that (building). He's going to take part of it down

The assessment moratorium would allow Simpson to pay property taxes on the value of the building when he bought it for a period of five years. During that time, taxes would not increase if the value of the property increased as a result of renovation, Sheckles explained.

encourage improvement of run-down or unkempt properties, Sheckles said.

moratorium 4-0. Simpson

was not present for the vote,

and councilman Tommy

Reed was absent from the

meeting for personal rea-

Contractors attended a

pre-bid meeting Tuesday for

a project to construct a 16-

inch water main connecting

a large existing main on U.S.

62 to the Nelson County

"(About) 14 different con-

tractors represented at the

pre-bid meeting today, so I

feel like it will be a pretty

competitive bid," City Civil

Engineer Jessica Filiatreau

told City Council. "I think

that bodes well for us and

The current engineer's

estimate is that the project

will cost about \$1.36 mil-

Filiatreau

Thursday. It is a line item in

the fiscal year 2011-2012

budget, but a Kentucky

Infrastructure Authority loan

is already in place to fund

the entirety of the project,

One effect of the new

water main may be that

water pressure will improve

somewhat for the Woodlawn

area around the industrial

Bids for the project will

park, Filiatreau said.

said

Industrial Park.

the project."

Filiatreau said.

lion.

Water main bids

close next week

in council chambers. In other news: The board approved the

• Sarah Hardin Ballard was appointed to the Historical Review Board by a City Council vote. "We're so glad to have her. She comes well-qualified," Sheckles said.

be opened at 2 p.m. Jan. 17

 Rick Caldwell and Ed Jury were approved for another three-year term on the city's Tree Board, responsible for making decisions about the maintenance and removal of trees throughout Bardstown. "We're a tree city, aren't we? So if we're a tree city, we've got to have a Tree Board," Sheckles said.

• Councilman Fred Hagan said he continues to work with Executive Assistant to the Mayor Barbie Bryant to format a long-term plan for the city, and added he has also been working with Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton and Filiatreau on a long-range plan for water and wastewater.

### Salt River restores power to customers after crash

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No one was injured after

an SUV knocked over an electric pole on Woodlawn Road just before noon Wednesday. However, around 124 Salt River Electric customers were without electric service for about an hour and a half.

The last few customers had their power restored a few minutes before 2:30 p.m., but the majority saw their power come back on at 1:30 p.m., according to a Salt River Electric dispatcher. Julie Lewis,

Bardstown, told police she wasn't sure what happened, but that she slid off the right side of the road and struck the pole, according to a report from Nelson County Sheriff's Office Detective Jason Allison.

Lewis was reportedly driving too fast for conditions, Allison concluded.

"That doesn't mean that she was speeding, it just means that she was going TOM ISAAC/PLG News

A woman driving a Ford Explorer on Woodlawn Road around noon Wednesday reportedly lost control of her vehicle on slick roads and knocked down an electric pole. About 124 Salt River Electric customers lost power.

too fast for road conditions at the time," Sheriff Stephen Campbell explained. Roads at that time were slick after a rainy

It appeared on scene that the rear of the vehicle had struck the Salt River Electric pole and suffered the most damage. One wire was broken in the accident,

according to the dispatcher. Neither Lewis nor her passenger, Brian Wells, 35, Louisville, were injured, Campbell said. Nelson County EMS confirmed that no one was transported from the scene. The Bardstown-Nelson County Fire Department and Nelson County Sheriff's

Office also responded.

### North Third

and remodel the other part," Sheckles said.

Assessment moratoriums are available for businesses or residences anywhere in the City of Bardstown that are in need of renovation. The system is designed to

>> Changes

The district is primarily

comprised of Northern

Kentucky and parts of north-

County in the third congres-

sional district, with Jefferson

County that would have

made sense, but it makes no

sense to be with Northern

Kentucky," Higdon said. "So

I will do everything I can to

make sure Nelson County

That's where it's been tradi-

tionally for quite some time

and unless you tell me differ-

ent that is where it needs to

The greatest impact for

Nelson County will be

decided if the State Senate's

redrawing of lines creates a

new Senate district for

Nelson and Bullitt counties.

Redistricting is the hottest

topic on the table in

Frankfort right now, accord-

ing to Floyd who currently

represents Nelson County

with parts of Spencer and

Bullitt counties. Floyd has

filed for re-election in the

House but if a new senate

district is created he said he

may drop his seat and run for

announced the House com-

mittee had passed its redis-

tricting lines making Nelson

County the entire 50th dis-

trict. The proposal angered

members of the majority

caucus and was met with

by

"I am very pleased with

what they did with Nelson

County," Floyd said. "Bullitt

County will be represented

by two people that live in the

county. There are some

members of the majority that

are upset. They use their

political power to put

Republicans in the same dis-

trict as Rock Adkins, the No.

2 Democrat. It's basic gerry-

mandering and the commit-

tee wouldn't have passed

unless they knew they had

the required number of votes

House Republicans pre-

sented their own floor

amendment to the commit-

tee's redistricting Thursday

morning. Rep. Joe Fischer,

Fort Thomas, filed the plan,

which divides two more

counties along with the

existing divided 22 counties.

plan meets the requirements

of the Kentucky Constitution

and would stand up to judi-

cial scrutiny, unlike the ver-

"It is our belief that our

to get it passed."

Floyd

House

senator.

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"If they had put Nelson

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eastern Kentucky.

sion that the House Democrats are trying to push through," said House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, Jamestown. "But more importantly, we

believe our version is a more fair and equitable plan for all Kentuckians and for those they choose to represent them."

Under House the Republicans amendment, two incumbent Republicans four incumbent Democrats would be placed together in the 7th, 54th and 92nd Districts. The House Republican redistricting plan will create new seats for the 84th District in a section of eastern Jefferson County. The bill was heard on Thursday afternoon by the House Representatives and was voted down. According to Floyd, Speaker Stumbo (D)

tutional. "No matter how pristine the amendment was," Floyd said, " the majority would have voted it down.

accused it of being unconsti-

Aside from redistricting, the state budget will be a big focus of the long session.

Budget analysts predict the next budget cycle will be \$300 million short, according to Higdon. They also predict Medicaid will be \$200 million short. Higdon added the shortages total about \$600 million.

"In my opinion, and most of your elected officials, we're already taxing all we Higdon can," said. "Everyone is carrying a full load and there is no room for tax increases."

Eighty-five percent of Kentucky's last budget cycle was spent to educate, medicate and incarcerate the citizens of Kentucky, according to Higdon. Health care was the most expensive part of the budget. When the budget was last completed, 800,000 people were on Medicaid and now that number is up to 827,000 people and growing, Higdon said.

Legislators plan to seek alternative solutions to tax increases and will explore several avenues to deal with the challenges.

House Bill 463 is one of those alternatives. The bill is intended to reduce the population of Kentucky inmates serving for drug-related offenses. The state's position is to move more toward rehabilitation than incarceration for drug offenders.

According to Higdon, education, medication and incarceration will absorb 89 percent of the state's budget next year.

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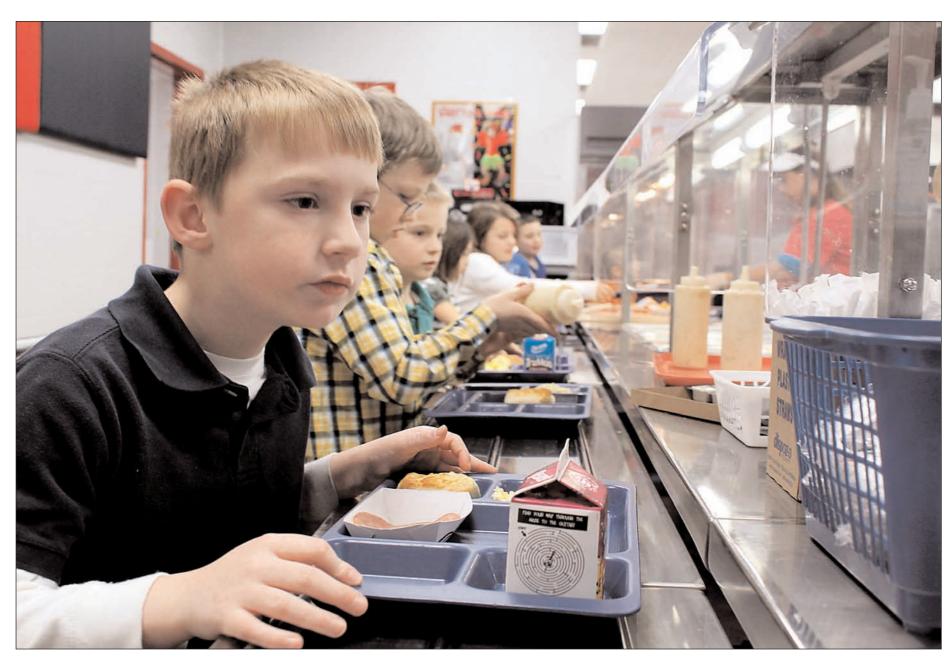
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## Faces in the News



ERIN L. MCCOY/The Kentucky Standard

Second-grader Joseph Vanhook, who is in Amy Cundiff's class at Bloomfield Elementary, grabs lunch in the cafeteria Jan. 5.



ERIN L. MCCOY/The Kentucky Standard

Amy Cundiff's second-grade class lines up for lunch in the cafeteria at Bloomfield Elementary School Jan. 5.



PETER W. ZUBATY/The Kentucky Standard

Ava Hall, Anna Lutz, both 5, and Zoe Kelty, 9, enjoyed the fun at last week's Bardstown-Nelson County varsity basketball games.



The Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) at Nelson County Vocational School hosted a teddy bear clinic at Nelson County, Early Learning Childcare Center in celebration of National HOSA Week. Each child brought in a teddy bear from home and the HOSA members came dressed and acted like medical professionals. Each child got a chances to take his/her teddy bear to a number of different stations to learn about different parts of healthcare. Learning facts about Xrays are Meya Thompson, Rachel Proctor (HOSA student) and Shelbie



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It was "A Pirates Christmas" at St. Joseph School as students performed their annual Christmas program in front of hundreds of parents, relatives, and friends. It was a fun time for all as pirates, elves, and reindeer traveled from the tropical islands to the cold North Pole to find Santa, or White Beard as the pirates call him. The students in grades two through five practiced for months during their weekly music classes, to hone the singing and dancing for the program, which also included traditional Christmas hymns and a live nativity enacted by the third-graders. Fourth and fifth-graders played recorders and ukuleles, and second-graders depicted their best reindeer for the colorful production. Principal Michael Bickett completed the cast by playing the role of Santa, whose job it is to help the elves convince a group of plundering pirates that it is better to give than to receive. The Program was directed by Jill Vittitow, St. Joseph School music teacher and Children's Choir Director. Costumes, instruments, and The St. Joseph School Middle School Drama Club constructed the sets for the play, and assisted with the sound and stage direction.